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SUBJECT

U.S.S. Liberty Claim

REF

Department's A-209, December 19, 1967;
Tel Aviv's 1972 and A-685 of March 18, 1968

There is transmitted herewith a suggested text of a self-explanatory draft note espousing the claim of the Government of the United States against the Government of Israel for losses sustained as a result of physical damage inflicted upon the vessel "U.S.S. Liberty" when it was attacked by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967.

Unless strong objection is perceived the Embassy is requested to present the note to the Government of Israel without delay, inform the Department of the date of presentation, and furnish the Department with a copy of the note.

At the time of delivery of the note the Embassy is requested to inform the Government of Israel that the Government of the United States is prepared to furnish, upon request, documentary evidence in support of the dollar amount expended and detailed estimates prepared by expert appraisers regarding the dollar amount needed to restore the vessel and its equipment to the condition it was in immediately prior to the attack and/or to appoint appropriate naval experts to discuss fully the physical damages sustained.

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